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CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

The Salt Lake stake conference, adbe held March 6, has been postponed to March 20. JOSEPH F. SMITH

A FOOLISH INFIDEL.

A peculiar attack has been made upon the Christian religion by a German professor, Arthur Drews, has undertaken the impossible task of proving that Jesus never lived.

According to a Berlin cable to the New York Times, Drews, the other people at the zoological garden, and the following evening he appeared in the same place to defend his position against all comers. Some famous the-ologians responded to the invitation. The debate was carried on with fervor and passion before an audience of over 2,000 persons, who were held spellbou until 3 o'clock the next morning. The last hour was employed by Drews in a final retort to his critics. His on-slaughts on the most cherished tenets of Christian doctrine, the account says, were so graphic and ruthless that many women in the audience were overcome with emotion and had to be carried from the hall, shricking hysterically. An intensely dramatic scenwas presented by one woman, who outstretched in the attitude of supplication to heaven to send down retribution upon the head of the Karlsruhe heretic

Drews, it seems, is reviving the dead cause of Strauss who created a sen-sation by affirming that a vast mass of myth has been woven around th distorical Jesus. Only he goes further than Strauss. He asserts that no such person as Jesus of Nazareth ever lived. aroused tremendous interest through published exhaustive accounts of them and they have proved the talk of the town, despite the fact that the Court season is at its zenith and the public mind is occupied with social gayety

The rise of Christianity, it has been observed, appeared of so little impor-tance to the Roman world as to at tract almost no attention among its despised and ignored. Palestine was a small country far removed from the center of the empire. For that reaon the career of Jesus was not followed with any degree of interest outside the immediate field of His labor. was merely a Jewish rabbi teaching doctrines in conflict with those of othe rabbis and therefore sacrificed on the altar of intolerance and bigotry, but of interest to those who looked upon the entire Jewish religion as austere fanaticism. Consequently, pagan contemporary writers do not take any more notice of Rabbi Jesus than of

But there are some references to Him by a few early writers who are found to take cognizance of the Chris-tians when Christianity became a menace to.paganism. Tacitus in his annals Christ, from whom the name was given, had been put to death in the eign of Tiberius, by the procurator, Pliny records that Pontius Pllate." Christ was worshiped by the Christians of Pontus and Bithynia as their God. These are pagan testimonies as to the

Christianity, that cannot be set aside. But the Christian writers are the chief witnesses. The letters of Apostle Paul, written from twenty to forty years after the foundation of church, had been impossible but for the then generally accepted facts recorded in the gospels. There could have been no Pauline epistles and no Gospels, had not the life and death of our Lord been generally known facts. The Gospels are founded upon an earlier record, o tradition. Luke expressly states he had made a thorough investigation of events from the beginning, and that he had embodied only what was attested by eye-witnesses. The same source information is drawn upon various texts are compared. These ar three independent witnesses to the trustworthiness of the narrative concerning the life of Jesus. Then there is the Gospel by John, which rounds out the synoptical narrative and gives to the historical picture greater com-

All this has been thoroughly thresh ed out between assailants and de-fenders of the Christian religion in former ages, and the historical reality of our Lord can no more be doubted than the historical reality of Napoleon or Julius Cacsar. If the facts of the Christian religion are not proved, then no fact of history can be proved. it must all be consigned to the realm of

one of the opponents of Drews, a baron and a professor of theology, is said to have maintained that eit were firmly proved that no such per as Jesus ever existed, that would hardly injure the heart and core of the Christian religion. That strikes us as a very poor defense. Higher critics have offered us the consolation of a Christian religion without a divinely inspired Bible. Now this professor suggests that the Christian suffer from the elimination then, be a Christian religion without both Christ and the Bible?

The attack upon the historical reality our Savior comes too late, at this ne. That fact is established beyond controversy. You might as well disrotundity of the earth. But it ought to teach the honest investigator every-where to be careful and not reject the testimony of the Elders of the Church as to the facts upon which the Church in these latter days are founded. If those who consider themselves wise are foolish enough to reject the testimony of Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luk and John, amply corroborated by others, the rejection of the testimony of the witnesses to the establishmen of the great latter-day work, by others who consider themselves wise, is no proof that they are right. The Gospo! invites investigation. It can stand the closest scrutiny. And those who are honest in heart and want the truth always find it by investigation and willingness to follow its light.

OUR ATMOSPHERE.

The cheerful opinion is expressed, according to a dispatch from Berkely Cal., by Professor Edwin Booth, of the University of California, that the human family may be doomed to death on the 19th of May, when it is expected that the comet's tail will sweep the earth. the astronomers are right in their estimate of the amount of cyanogen gas in the tail of Halley's comet, and if that body's vapors do envelop the earth we may have a chance on May 19 to feel the sensations of the bugs and insects which are killed by the use of this deadly gas as an exterminator." This is the possibility. If the estimates of This astronomers are correct, and if a sufficient quantity of the cyanogen of the comet mixes with the hydrogen of the earth, we'll all be snuffed out. union," the professor says, "would form the deadly gas known as hydro-cyanic acid, the most deadly poison known to science, and which means death to all animals."

There is a possibility, however, of the astronomers being mistaken. That is one consolation. Another is this that the envelope of the earth, possibly, is a sufficient protection against outside malign influences.

According to the scientific observations made of late years by means of kites and balloons, the air consists of at least three different layers. That in which we live extends about two miles. In this stratum, as we all know, we have all kinds of winds, cyclones and anti-cyclones. Above this stratum there is another, extending upwards about six miles. In this the air grows steadily colder and drier, the lowest temperature recorded being 167 degrees below freezing point. Here the air moves in great planetary swirls produced by the spinning of the earth on its axis, so that the wind always blows in the same easterly direction. greater the height the more furious is the blast of this relentless gale. Above this stratum comes the third, which has been called the isothermal stratum. It has also been called the permanent inversion stratum, because the temperature increases with the height reached. But the temperatures so far recorded in this stratum are not high, being far below zero Fahrenheit, generally somewhere from 122 degrees to 140 degrees below it. Here the air no longer swirls in a planetary circle. The wind may blow in a direction contrary to that in the second layer. And the

air invariably is excessively dry. Is not this wonderfully constructed envelop, with its different strata, extending, probably a hundred miles, or more, from the earth a protection against the destroyers that may roam in space? It is known that most of the meteorites that strike our atmosphere are almost instantly burnt up, and de stroyed. It is only occasionally that one falls to the ground before being entirely consumed. May we not believe that the armor that protects the earth against the flying missiles she is con stantly encountering in her orbit also provides safety against poisonou gases?

KEEP TO THE POINT.

The daily spokesman for the City administration and apologist for vice is making considerable noise about "polygamy." hoping to divert the attention of its readers from the infamous traffiin souls that is going on in a protected "stockade." But this is all in vain.

Polygamy is a dead issue. By the Manifesto the practice was relegated to the past, as far as the Church is con-And there is nothing new say on that question. The Church is keeping all promises and pledges sa cred. As fast as polygamous families are dissolved by death, the institutio itself disappears. With possible in-fractions of the law the Church has nothing to do, except in so far as viola tions of the Church rule are brought before the proper Church courts, in a regular manner, for purposes of dis-cipline. But, as we have said before, the Church does not sanction or in an manner approve the infraction of the A thousand dollars, we believe can still be claimed by anyone who can prove a case of polygamy with the sanction of the Church, in recent years. the Tribune dodge of howling "polygamy" in defense of and apology for prostitution is both dishonest and

fact that hypocrites who banded them selves together for the purpose of depriving the majority of the people of Utah of all political rights, and who sought to justify their course by declaiming against polygamy, now are permitting a corporation to sell infamy in a protected shop and advertise it throughout the State, notwithstanding the laws are against it, and the offi cers are under oath to maintain the law. That is the point. And from that point the Tribune cannot get away, no matter how it squirms and twists. It is pinned down like a bug

on a board.

Nor can the City officials get away

The Church accepted the Manifesto gainst the practice of polygamy in good faith. It is incumbent upon the "American" party officials to prove that their clamor for the American home more than rank hypocrisy, and they can do so by enforcing the laws against prostitution. Or, is it a small matter to them how much prostitution is practiced, as long as no marriage cere mony is performed? Is that the attitude of the city officials? It cannot be the attitude of the church-going voters silence is not to their credit.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

We have received a copy of Bulletin No. 3, of the Utah Engineering Experiment Station, on the construction and maintenance of earth roads, Professor Richard R Lyman. erested in that subject should read this bulletin. It will be distributed free, by the director of the Experiment Station, as long as the supply lasts, to all who ask for it. It contains valuable information on road construction In a private letter accompanying the

Bulletin, Professor Lyman says he agrees with the champions of good Bulletin roads that our highways should be a small state can afford to construct either asphaltum, tarred macadam, ordinary macadam, or gravel. The first cost of construction and the subsequent cost of maintenance are more than the tax-payers can stand for. People must be trained until they realize the importance and necessity of having good roads before they are willing to pay for them. The people must be trained in road building and must learn by actual experience that money invested in good roads pays, before they will be willing to invest very largely in them. Prof. Lyman is the way to begin the solution of the the construction, and what is still more the ordinary earth road. An earth road, the Professor says, that is dry, and in good condition, is a good road, and in this country a road carrying only the traffic which passes over an good condition nearly all the time, and at comparatively small expense for maintenance, for the reason that such a road, if kept smooth and in proper If an earth road is thus kept free from great quantities of moisture, it can not be frozen, and therefore can not be rendered soft and bottomless in the spring of the year as poorly constructed and poorly maintained earth roads

As stated in the bulletin, the earth road, when constructed and well maintained, will be so much of a founda tion, or beginning, of every other road, since its construction is the first step that must be taken when any other road is constructed. Professor Lyman is not opposed in any way to the construction of better roads where so doing is possible. In Salt Lake City, and Salt Lake County, in Ogden and Weber County, in Logan and in Provo, better roads, he says, may very properly, and should be built, but there is a question in his mind whether the State should give any further of these roads than to properly grade and form and construct the earth foundation for the same, which is in it self the earth road. He believes that if those who are interested in good roads will unite in an effort to have earth roads constructed at once the results will be gratifying and beneficial to all concerned.

A BUDDHIST DEFENSE.

It is stated in an article in the New York Independent, that Buddhists of India have taken up arms, metaphorically speaking, against Christianity. They are circulating tracts in which the teachings of Christian missionaries are severely criticized. One of these Buddhist tracts commences:

"No person of any philosophical acumen or clear perception of the nature of things can ever subscribe to such a palpable absurdity as the anthropomorphic monstrosity yeleped the Christian God of the Bible. Hence the rational, philosophical freethinkers and Buddhists entirely ignore his existence, relying solely upon the eternal principles of mind and matter inherent in the universe."

This same Buddhist writer proceeds: "The earth was created in six days, while all other worlds, suns and moons, were created in one day. Thus our earth, although in comparison with the rest of the universe less than the millionth part of a grain of sand, required six times as long for its creation as the whole universe besides."

the attacks by some Christian ministers upon "Mormonism?" When those ministers talk about the monstrosity of the "Mormon" God and the ab-surdity of "Mormon" conceptions 'Mormon' conceptions of the universe, they do not realize, perhaps, that they, themselves, are the object of ridicule by Buddhist critics who refuse to accept what to them appears to be "a palpable absurdity. referring to the "anthropomorphic monstrosity" of the Christian God, and the alleged contradiction between cience and the Mosaic account the creation. It all depends on the point of view. But the fact is that "Mormon" theology is in full accord with the Scriptures, and reason, and is less liable to attacks than the sectarian theology which is largely modified paganism, since the days of the church fathers who accepted Christianity without fully relinquish-ing the teachings of the philosophical schools in which their early views had

It is almost funny to hear Budhhists criticise the theology and cosmological conceptions of the foreign missionaries They, themselves, believe that scatter ed through space there are innumerable worlds in sets of three, all similar to ours. In the center, they say, there is would not suffer from the elimination of the historical Jesus. Can there, ishes though it is their duty to supcircle enclosed by the outermost is di vided into four quarters, part of one of which is the earth. On the heights of the mountain and about it rise 24 heavens, and beneath it there are eight hells. Between tain and the outermost circle of rocks the sun, the moon, the stars revolve through space. One would suppose that a philosopher satisfied with this conception of the world should not have any reason for ridiculing much ignorance in so doing, as do the ignorant critics of the faith of the Lat-

THE RULE REVERSED.

Generally the suits for breach of promise are entered against faithless nen by confiding, would-be brides, but in the case of one L. N. Pond of Spo-Poughkeepsie. N. V. the rule Pond is suing Bessie for \$25,000 as a plaster on the wound of his heart.

The story is told as follows, by a New York contemporary:

"Architect Pond and Miss Kelley belonged to the same tennis club, and, according to his sworn statement, became engaged on June 2, 1908. Then Mr. Pond moved to Spokane and established himself as an architect. The date for the wedding was fixed for June 22, 1909, and on April 26 preceding the date their engagement was announced.

ing the date their engagement was announced.

"Mr. Pond left Spokane on June 10, 1909, for Poughkeepsie, and arrived there a week later. Miss Kelley asked to have the wedding postponed, and Pond consenting, it was put off until October of last year. He went back to Spokane, and in July received a letter from Miss Kelley telling him the engagement was broken and there would be no wedding.

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"After thinking the matter over for some time Mr. Pond brought suit against Miss Kelley for \$25,000. "(N. B.—Miss Kelley has no money, but her father has millions.) "In his complaint Mr. Pond declares that he spent \$2,500 in preparing for the wedding, and that he wishes the balance because of mental grief, mortification, humiliation, ridicule and contempt of business associates."

Since it is a poor rule that does not work both ways, Mr. Pond may be entitled to damages, but it is safe to say that a gentleman of the best Amer. ican type would not take that mean of getting even with a girl because sho changed her mind in a matter of so vital importance as the choice of a husband. He would simply But times change and we with them. An American gentleman of the present generation is not quite as partic ular as they were in the past. is the change for better or for worse?

Few people give up cash during Lent.

Does a grass widow ever sow wild

The trouble with raising children is the children.

Fewer and fewer are they who say grace to meat.

Those who live by their wits general-

Come, gentle spring, ethereal mildness, please do come!

A man who says he feels like kicking himself never indulges the feeling.

It used to be the goose that laid the Those Kentucky night riders will find

that they cannot override Uncle Sam's aws. The failure of the publicity clause of My idea of success may not be yours. I do not mean success or manhood in the narrow sense of gaining some

the corporation tax act is receiving lots of publicity. Can't the "disturbing elements" in the weather bureau be got rid of in

some manner? The difference between ancient history and modern history is about

Tact is the art of beating around the ish without any one discovering the

beating is going on. "Genius is an accident of nature," says Professor Wilhelm Oswald. Sure it is it is not the regular thing.

Why is it that Chinese hatchet-men invariably use revolvers instead of hatchets in their tong wars?

contemporary. He has hopped into the to keep himself warm, poor thing.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook is at Santiago, Chile, where he has admitted his iden tity. But is that all he is going to

Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeon university, turned down a milliondollar gift. On this will rest his future

More people observe the Ten Comnandments than can repeat them. which is much better if they cannot

no service is possible which harms your body, which occupies your mind with petty ignoble matters, which makes your heart less genuine and sympathetic. A perversion or stunting of any side of your nature is an inroad upon the whole. Only that service is good for you and good for the community which leaves you a truer, sounder, more wholesome man. Life in filled with glittering illusions. We spend our youthful energies, our manhood and above all the precious hours of exultant life in chasing the phantoms of happiness, in fun and frolic only to find in the end after it is all over and old age creeps upon us that the things we sought are not the things we wanted and that the things we really wanted and needed we left far behind in the valleys of youth, or in other words we killed the coming man while in boyhood. Therefore to the end that life may not close with regrets and recollections of a misspent life, we must look to the present, the here and the now.

BARS TO PROGRESS. BARS TO PROGRESS.

Nature's forces are never bribed. They are inexorable and eternal, and as certain as death, what you sew you reap. Every low thought, every wrong act, every bad habit, however insignificant, is just so much of a mighty force turned against your progress to a successful, perfect life. The training of man's moral nature is an important factor in producing a healthy mind. True or pure civilization is not in foundations of granite or marble, but in foundations of character and reasoning manhood. To be a real man, the higher faculties and sensibilities must be developed and brought into use. It is a matter of intellectual, moral and spiritual unfoldment. The capability of the human mind for advancement cannot be estimated nor measured in words. Man should know something about everything and everything about everything and everything about something. Everyday we can increase the possibilities of that extraordinary thinking machine, the human brain, the mind. Emerson said:

"What the world needs is men who will make us do the best we can."

To be an honest, helpful, reasoning man is the highest pinnacle to which one may climb in human life. To accomplish this, one must have faith in God, faith in oneself, faith in humanity and the beautiful words of Senator Jeff Davis would like to John D. Rockefeller "wrapped in the flames of hell." Wouldn't he be satisfied to see him wrapped in the flames of burning coal oil?

The situation in the British parliament is peculiar. The Liberals have 274 members and the Conservatives The Nationalists and Laborites have 122, and hold the balance of pow. Mr. Asquith's problem will be to p the minority parties voting with the Liberals. A short time ago it was taken for granted that the three parties would stand together, but at present there seems to be some uncertainty There has even been some talk of the resignation of the Premier and the formation of a new Liberal cabinet. Several questions demand immediate attention. A budget must be passed e, since the finances must be by the 31st of March. Some sort of reform measure affecting the lords must be considered. The question of home rule for Ireland will, doubtedly, be urged. All these are mo-

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

THE SENATOR WHO LET HIS MIND LIE FALLOW.

By J. E. Edwards.

This daily series of anecdotes and incidents that throw new, interesting and frequently dramatic light on famous events and personalities of the past have been collected by Edwards during nearly forty years of more or less stimulation and the country's leaders since the Civil war. Each anecdote or incident is fresh from Mr. Edwards's notebook, and, either whole the past it constitutes New News of Yesterday, garnered from the men who make the country of the past it constitutes new News of Yesterday, garnered from the men who make the contributions of the Tiuman Interest" sort to American history, these articles have a distinctive value all their own.

From 1877 until 1885, when he became secretary of the interior under President Cleveland, Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar was one of the federal senate's most interesting personalities. Visitors to the senate galleries always asked to have the courtly and kindly toga wearer from Mississippi pointed out to them, for as a member of the house of representatives he had won a national reputation as a speaker of wonderful eloquence and an indefatigable and earnest worker for a reconciliation and a better understanding between the north and the south following the Civil war.

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Now, there was this very peculiar thing about Senator Lamar's Senatorial career. None of his colleagues knew when, as by sudden inspiration and overwhelming intellectual enthuciasm, he would rise in his place and deliver himself of a superb burst of eloquence, behind which stood sound and profound reasoning. Then, for a period lasting for many weeks at times, the senator would lapse into a deep silence and sit dreamily at his deep, apparently unheeding of the debate or the buzzing all about him.

One such period I remember distinctly. It happened in the spring of 1832. For weeks the senator sank dreamily almost hypnotically, into his seat each session, and the only time he broke his silence was when some one of his fellow senators would bring him out of his lethargy for purposes of responding to roll calls.

Towards the end of this period I chanced, one day, to meet the senator dreamily pacing through the long corridor just at the entrance of Statuary Hall.

"Good morning, senator," I said.

He stopped and looked at me abstractedly, as though I were a person he had never seen, with a voice he had never heard. But in a moment illumination came to his countenance, he bowed with the stately courtesy that distinguished him, and called me by name. Then he added, half to himself: "I do not now recall exactly why I am here or where I am going. I had

TRUE MANHOOD.

Build it straight and strong and true,

TAVING read reports in

daily papers of late of speeches made by prominent men in which the claim

has been made that our Utah boys are

undermining the very foundations of

their lives and characters by indulg-

ing in various forms of dissipation

wrong thinking, wrong living and

wrong doing, I was prompted to ad-dress my younger brothers and not

having a public hall in which to speak,

and thus reach thousands through the

My church is the world, its dome is

the sky, its pews are the street, the

factory, the home, on the mountain

side or on the banks of the River

Jordan-anywhere and everywhere

Boys-I am going to talk on the

subject of success or true manhood,

but first let us understand each other.

petty victory, the success of wealth or power or glory. I do not mean to

tell you how to become a great cap-tain of industry, a financial giant like

tain of industry, a financial giant like
Morgan, Carnegie, Vanderbilt or
Gould, nor a general like Moltke,
Grant or Napoleon; neither would I
instruct you in the art of diplomacy
or statesmanship; the mysterles of religion or the intricacies of politics. A
man may be great in all these and
yet be a very unsuccessful man when
considered from a universal standpoint; when measured by the growth
of his soul, the development of his

considered from a universal point; when measured by the growth of his soul, the development of his character, his body and his mind, or the accomplishment of the great purpose of life—of an ever unfolding, pure, earnest, honest manhood universalled by the fetters of caste, consequences.

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the boys are to be found.

take the broad plain-the press

Build it high and clean and broad.

"Build it well whate'er ye do.

ADDRESS TO THE BOYS

By John P. Meakin.

BE TRUE TO THYSELF=

some purpose in leaving the senate chamber, but what was it? Let me think." And he relapsed partly to his dreamy state.

"Senator," I said, "the time seems long since you addressed the senate. Have you in mind, before the adjournment of this session of Congress, any speech."

ment of this session or cong-speech?"

"My son," he said, again coming back to earth, "nothing of the kind is in my mind. I should not entertain the thought if it came to me. I have dis-covered, sir, that with me certain men-tal processes are necessary before I can deliver a speech. They are almost unconscious processes, possibly, or at least like that peculiar consciousness which we call dreams.
"These long periods when my mind

Cardinal Newman must ever permeate our very being:

"Lead kindly light amid the encir-cling gloom! I do not ask to see the distant scene,

PERTINENT QUERIES.

The all important question for everyone to ask of himself, if he has the slightest spark of intellectual life in him is, "How may I become a man?" And another question will well up from the soul, namely: "What can I do to make life worth the living?" The answer will be: "Look to the light, be true to your inner self and have the faith of the poet who said:

And never reach the goal,
Than to drift along with time
An aimless, worthless soul.
Aye better to climb and fall,
And sow though the yield be small,
Than to throw day after day,
And never strive at all."

If we cannot make life worth the

Truth is a constant revealation and a continuous inspiration to climb the heights, it is light amid the darkness. It banishes the ignorance of the tribal age, it kills prejudice and cheers our hearts with the sunlight of fraternal

country and love of God. Truth is the staff of a refined pure conscience, reliable under any trials or conditions whether they be the fagot, the thumbscrew, the cross, or the modern mode of ostracism.

Reason is the lamp of the mind and the source of justice. Each individual is responsible to his own conscience, God's monitor, to know the truth and live by it. When truth controls the hearts of men, justice will rule the world. God is truth.

Let cowards fear to trust the truth, And paddle round the shore.

Hoist thy sails, give truth the helm, Then let the billows roar.

THE HUMAN BODY.

The human body is the house we live in, it must be clean, pure, refined. It must have the best of care. To keep it strong and perfect should be the aim and object of every man, woman and child. It must not be defiled from without or from within.

"Why come temptations but for man

to meet.
And master and make crouch beneath
his feet

And so be pedestaled in triumph!"

Words and colors cannot paint the thunder's roar, nor the warmth of the summer's sunshine, nor can they depict or paint the sorrows and suffering of the human family caused by the demon drink. Sixty thousand lives are annually destroyed by Intemperance, sixty thousand lives offered in annual sacrifice at the hideous shrine of this devil.

shrine of this devil.

Boys, you must learn that every faculty and every talent is in your own care and keeping for life's successes and continued happiness. Man must know that to understand himself and to control himself, his appetities and passions, is the first requisite for a successful and harmonious life. All who journey in paths of dissipation, ignorant living and ugly doring will sooner or later find themselves in the bogs and swamps of a ruined life crying in the darkness—

"Merciful God, turn back thy universe and give me yesterday?"

"Merciful God, turn back thy universe and give me yesterday!"
See the wrecks all about us. Stroll
for a few blocks around the main
business blocks of the city, study the
faces and wretchedness of the besotted outcasts and you can see depravity in all its hideousness. I want
to tell you that hell forever waits to
engulf the thoughtless victims of dissipation and wrong living, not a hell
in some far away world but in this
one here and now. Contracted skulls
and dormant brains, people who do

One step is enough for me, Lead thou me on."

Better strive and fall

not think, who follow the promptings of their baser selves, are the makers and constructors of their own hell. I would ask all thoughtless fools before it is too late to read and study the fool's prayer by Edwin Roland Sill. (or I will read it for you when we meet.) Man through his own undoing becomes a mere thing in human shape walking about, yet dead.

WHY? Why does an ass prefer thistles to

"Why does an ass prefer thistles to grass,
Is a puzzle to many no doubt,
But the answer comes swift as a flash
from the skles,
And if it's not witty, it is not unwise,
The brute turns away with contempt
from the grass,
For the plain simple reason, because he's an ass.

"Why does not the fool prefer virtue to vice, When one is so vile and the other so nice. The answer we find by the very same

rule,
The fool prefers vice just because
he's a fool."

Whisky drinking is needless and useless, it creates an appetite and mocks the meat it feeds upon. Card playing for fun is "much ado about nothing," it's a leader towards hell playing for fun is "much ado about nothing," it's a leader towards hell and a waster of precious time. Gambling is getting something for nothing, it ruins both the robber and the robbed. Smoking defiles the body and takes away the judging sense "and to offend the smokers thinks it no offense." Smoking is the personification of selfishness and an impure source of bad odors.

In the play of Hamlet, Shakespeare puts these words into the mouth of Polonius when giving advice to his son:

"This above all, to thine own self be true,

And it must follow as night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any
man."

man."

We say "this is my hand, my coat, my tie, my face, etc." We claim them in the possessive case. Then what is the meaning of "my" or "I?" It means the ego, the cosmos, the soul, the life, the God within. This is the meaning of the phrase, "To thine own self be true." It means that we will build a character. It means a life of truth, of honesty, of virtue, of kindness and helpfulness toward all mankind. It means that we will not destroy our bedies by dissipation. It means that we will not destroy our bedies by dissipation. It means that we will pity rather than blame the mistakes, faults and frailties growing out of the poor human weakness, knowing all the time that human intellectual life is a matter of growth, of development.

ON THE STREET.

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Boys—Never smoke cigarettes, cigars or pipes and imagine people think you are clever, because they just think to the contrary.

Never sit down on steps or curbstones; if you do, you advertise yourself as a loafer, and if you are not one. It's the starting point.

Never walk with your hands in your pockets, nor with your hands in your pockets, nor with your hat on the back of your head. It's_an indication that you are a slouch and a hoodlum. Never stand on the corner over five minutes, and then only when absolutely necessary.

Never stand in the breadths, it indicates vulgarity and ill breeding.

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Never be ugly nor look ugly. It darkens the street and destroys the sunlight in your soul.

"Conscious strength assumes weak attitudes. Conscious weakness assumes strong attitudes."

Be neat in your dress and always be clean. If you have whiskers, shave them off.

Use good language, pronounce your words correctly and speak loud enough for people to hear you.

Salute your acquaintances and friends with the warmest respect. Smile, bless you, smile; it will soon come easy.

come easy.

Never bow to anyone because they possess wealth. It is mind and heart that makes the man.

INDICATIONS OF MANHOOD:

He is respectful to everybody. He never retains his seat in a car, when an old man or an old woman

when an old man or an old woman is hanging to a strap.

He knows his mother is the queen of earth, and is ever ready to aid, comfort, cheer and protect her.

He is clean and tidy and never allows anybody to speak disrespectfully of any member of his family.

When absent, he never allows anything to deter him from writing to home and loved ones.

He never picks a quarrel, but when

thing to deter him from writing to home and loved ones.

He never picks a quarrel, but when assailed, he is the victor.

He is ambitious and prompt in school. He realizes that boyhood is the period of life to ky the foundation for manhood.

He is fond of athletic and he plays fair in every game.

If we cannot make life worth the living, beyond simply a material existence, it seems to me then, that there is no purpose in living, or in other words, if there is nothing to hope for or to do, but business, to eat, to drink, to sleep and quarrel with our fellow, as the majority of people do now, then death in my estimation would be preferable. We must have a purpose in living. We must be careful in youth as to where we go and what we do. Memory in after years is either a blessing or a curse. Therefore, we must school ourselves in the problem of how to live and act on earth.

First of all we must be absolutely truthful. It is only the foolish who are dishonest. Truthfulness is greatness. There can be no greatness without a strict adherence to truthfulness. Truth is a constant revelation and a continuous inspiration to climb the derkness. He is fond of athletics and he plays fair in every game.

He's generally a winier, but at the, same time he is a gool loser.

He is a boy, but nevertheless he is a gentleman.

While in life we must establish a character, the influence of which will bless the generations yet unborn. Character is higher than intellect, love or wealth, because it lirects the uses of all three. Knowlede with character is everything, knowledge without heights, it is light amid the darkness. It banishes the ignorance of the tribal age, it kills prejudice and cheers our hearts with the sunlight of fraternal love.

Truth is the divine source from which comes love of home, love of country and love of God. Truth is the staff of a refined pure conscience, reliable under any trials &r conditions whether they be the fagot, the thumbscrew, the cross, or the modern mode of ostracism.

Reason is the lamp of the mind and the source of justice: Each individual is responsible to his own conscience, God's monitor to know the controlling force of human life. True manly characterinay be likened of worlds and the lamor of men, proof against the blws of temptation.

"Noble is he whose moral strength
Beats down the wils of wrong,
Whose honest manhod uplifts man,
Whose brave life; like a song.
The brave and steadast conqueror
Of appetite and si.
He flings hope's stiely portal wide,
And bids the los come in."
And this is success and true manhood.

NTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

An association with has before it the possibility of a highy important and

useful future was rganized on Sun-Marburg in Baltiore. It is to be called the Society or the Judicial Setcalled the Society of the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, and its purpose will be to issue publications designed to prome the acceptance of the idea involved its name by the influential opinior of the various nations of the work. Letters were read at the initial meling from President Taft, Secretary inox, and Senator Root, all expresses very strong interest in the object of view. Mr. Root's letter made the iteresting point that the idea of a judial determination of international objects, as a distinguished from e usual arbitration, which is largel diplomatic and not judicial, natural finds readier acceptance in our courly than in Europe. We are accustomed to says, to see "questions arising been sovereign states submitted to judes who apply the test of conformity testablished principles and rules of ciduct embodied in our constitutions," and the idea of the same method ing applied to controversies betwee nations, not involving questions of dicy, is easy for us to grasp. In Eppe, courts exercise no such power, at Mr. Root is of the opinion that is new society, if conducted with figor and precision of purpose, mayo much to educate European opinion to the acceptance of the idea that a licity fuddial process is applicable to be estilement of international dispes. tlement of Internaonal Disputes, and

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